

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the case. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended herein. The amendments to claims 1 and 2 are intended to clarify the claims and are not considered to be narrowing amendments.

Also, Applicant submits herewith corrected Formal Drawings for Figs. 3B, 4 and 5, which were amended to be consistent with the changes to the specification. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

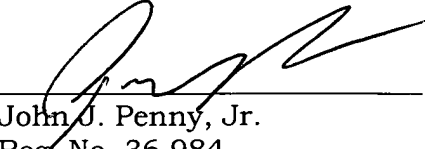
As this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is being filed before the payment of the issue fee, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims should be entered.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the amendments presented herein. If the Examiner has any questions, or believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant believes that no fee is required with the filing of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. However, if for any reason this is inadequate and credit is owed for any excess fee, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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